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Applicant(s): Phillip E. Byrd Filing date: June 25, 2001
Serial No.: 09/888,689 For (title): METHOD AND APPARATUS TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO PROBE CARD

COMMUNICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Enclosed for filing in connection with the above-identified patent application, and submitted in the order listed, are:

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[ ] Check no. in the amount of \$ for the presentation of extra claims as calculated in the remarks section below.
[X] Preliminary amendment with Appendix A (containing paragraphs [0001] through [0083]), Appendix B (containing paragraphs [0001] through [0083]), Appendix C (containing currently pending claims 1 through 55), and Appendix D (containing amended claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 11-13, 16, 18, 22, 29-31, and 48),
[ ] Amendment or other communication in response to the non-final office action mailed.
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[ ] Petition for Extension of Time in duplicate with check no. in the amount of \$.
[ ] Verified statement(s) to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 signed by (or on behalf of).
[ ] Information disclosure statement and information disclosure citation form PTO-1449 with copies of listed documents.
[X] Letter to the Chief Draftsman (2 pages) and attached revised drawings with annotations in red (2 sheets, 2 figures),
[X] Transmittal of Formal Drawings (1 page); and Formal Drawings (9 sheets, 14 figures).

Remarks:

- [X] An amendment has been made involving one or more claims in the application. The calculation to determine whether any additional fee is due is presented below.

Table with columns 1, 2, 3, and \$EXTRA. Rows include Total claims, Indep. claims, First presentation of a multiple dep. claim, SUBTOTAL, Reduction for small entity - 50% of subtotal\*, and TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE (subtotal minus any reduction).

\*Verified statement(s) must be attached to support this reduction if small entity status has not been previously established.

- 1 Claims remaining after amendment.
2 Highest number of claims previously paid for. Not less than 20 for total claims and 3 for independent claims.
3 Difference between claims remaining and highest number previously paid for. If less than zero, enter "0."

- [X] The commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required but not submitted with any document or request requiring fee payment under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to deposit account no. 20-1469 during the entire pendency of this application.

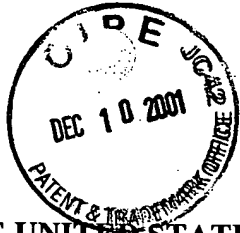
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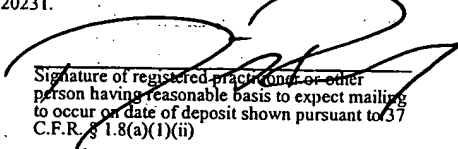
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*Amended*

**TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

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Sir:

Attached please find the formal drawings for this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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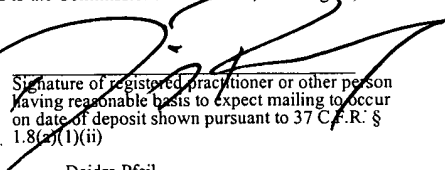
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**LETTER TO THE CHIEF DRAFTSMAN**

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith revised FIGS. 6C and 8 which correct errors in the drawings. Specifically, FIG. 6C to be revised as shown and to add the reference numerals 84 and 86 with appropriate lead lines; and FIG. 8 has been revised to add the reference numeral 146 with appropriate lead line. Attached is a copy of the drawings with the proposed changes marked in red.

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No new matter has been added. Approval of the proposed revisions is respectfully requested.

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